



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: A9025

David VALE, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/985,820

Group Art Unit: 3731

Confirmation No.: 4546

Examiner: Uyen T. Ho

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For: FILTER ELEMENT FOR EMBOLIC PROTECTION DEVICE

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 31, 2006, the time for responding extended to July 31, 2006, by a Petition for Three Month Extension of Time filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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